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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR

SWITCHING FIBRE CHANNEL ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS

Examiner: W. Z. Russell

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 2, 2008, for which a response was due on August 2, 2008, and for which a two-month extension of time is hereby requested to extend the time for response to October 2, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.